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Sergio Piperno, president of the Italian Jewish Communities Association, cabled a sharp protest today to Premier Giulio Andreotti. Piperno denounced the "vile and criminal aggression against the Trieste synagogue" and asked "energetic government action" to apprehend the culprits. He said the government must protect "holy sites which are the patrimony of the Italian people as a whole," and he denounced the current rash of anti-Semitic publications across the country.

JEWISH CEMETERY VANDALIZED IN UKRAINE TOWN

Authorities Promise Repairs If Jews Keep Quiet

TEL AVIV, July 4 (JTA)--The Jewish cemetery in Zamrinka, in the Ukraine, has been desecrated. Most of its tombstones were toppled and broken, according to reports reaching here today. According to the reports, local authorities promised to help repair the damage if the Jewish community does not make "a big fuss about it."

Soviet immigrants from the Ukrainian city of Kharkov have appealed to President Zalman Shazar, Premier Golda Meir and the Dutch Embassy to help Solomon Greenberg obtain an exit visa. The immigrants said Greenberg was arrested in Kharkov last week with another Jew, Constantin Skoblinksky and that both were interrogated for three days about allegedly passing information to foreigners. The two were released on condition they remain in Kharkov while the investigation continues. The petitioners noted that Israeli citizenship was conferred on Greenberg recently at his request. The Dutch Embassy here represents Israeli interests in Moscow.

DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER IN CAIRO: SAYS EGYPT WANTS PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

AMSTERDAM, July 4 (JTA)--Norbert Schmeltzer, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, says he is personally convinced after meeting with Egyptian leaders, that Egypt wants a peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict. Schmeltzer, currently in Cairo, made that assessment in an interview with Dutch journalists who accompanied him on his trip. "The Egyptian position toward a solution of the Middle East conflict is cooperative," the Foreign Minister said, according to the interview published here today.

He said the Egyptians envisaged a solution based on the Security Council's Resolution 242, arrived at through the good offices of the United Nations special mediator, Gunnar V. Jarring "or another intermediary." He described his talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Murad Ghaleeb as "most cordial, open and fruitful." He said that he had conveyed to the Egyptian leaders his own and all of Western Europe's growing concern over the widening Soviet influence in the Middle East region and his government's interest in the prompt reopening of the Suez Canal.

The Dutch journalist reported that the two ministers accompanied by their wives emerged from the conference calling each other by their first names.

9 EX-NAZIS ON TRIAL FOR MASS MURDERS OF JEWS; 10TH GETS ADJOURNMENT FOR MEDICAL REASONS

BONN, July 4 (JTA)--Nine former Nazis have gone on trial in Dusseldorf and Munich on charges of murder, and the trial of a tenth has been adjourned until July 11. The six Dusseldorf defendants are Wilhelm Ahrens, 65, former police chief of Cologne; Ruprecht Mueller, 56, and Wilhelm Stephany, 57, former police officers; Willy Kaffenberg, 57; Gerhard Hurtig, 55, and Robert Roess, a 58-year-old businessman.

All belonged to police units in the Ukraine in World War II. According to the indictment, Ahrens was ordered in the spring of 1942, to shoot all old and ill Jews in the ghetto of Krynki in Bialystok, because they were "useless." The charge says he killed at least 15 Jewish men and women "in a cruel manner" while 20 others escaped to a synagogue into which Ahrens, obeying orders, threw hand grenades, killing all.

Ahrens and the other five defendants pleaded not guilty. Three ex-Nazis who allegedly specialized in the murder of women and children, meanwhile, are in the dock in Munich. They are Dr. Heinrich Goerts, 74; Kurt Trimborn, 68, and Kurt Severin, 66, all charged with the murder of Jews near the Russian city of Taganrog in 1941.

According to the indictment, Trimborn and Severin hunted down Jewish women and children, forced them to undress in freezing weather, and shot them when they started suffering frost pains. Trimborn is further accused of killing 250 children near Jesk, with Goerts' assistance. The defense attorneys and the jury visited Russia several months ago to inspect the sites of the purported crimes. The Munich Attorney General has asked for life imprisonment for the three defendants. The trial is expected to last two weeks.

In Essen, the trial of Horst Wagner, 66, a former Nazi colonel charged with killing 350,000 Jews, was adjourned to July 11 to allow for a medical examination to determine his fitness to stand trial. When the proceeding opened this morning, the defense contended Wagner was suffering from severe sciatic pains. The accused was a liaison officer between Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and SS chief Heinrich Himmler.

DIASPORA, ISRAEL PARTNERSHIP MUST BE ON BASIS OF EQUALITY, GOLDMANN SAYS

GENEVA, July 4 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, made a strong plea today for a partnership of equality between diaspora Jewry and Israel. "The dispersion of today is the third in Jewish history and as a whole, the Jewish people has spent more time in the diaspora than it has in its own state," Dr. Goldmann said in an address at the closing session of the conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism here.

"The negation of the diaspora, the attempt to forget it or to denigrate it as an anomaly, is defenseless and distorts the character of Jewish existence in the past and in the present," he said. "It is essential to find a constructive relationship between Israel and the diaspora," Dr. Goldmann added.

He said the solution would have to be based on the principles of full solidarity and responsibility of both parts of the Jewish people for one another and for the people as a whole. "The diaspora will have to respect Israel as a sovereign state and Israel must respect the autonomy of the golah; while both will have the right and the duty to advise one another and to discuss common problems,

they will have to leave the decisions to each of the two parts," Dr. Goldmann said.

Dr. Maurice Eisendrath was elected president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Rabbi Richard Hirsch is the new executive director of the organization that plans to move its headquarters to Jerusalem.

The annual meeting of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture opened here last night. It will continue through Thursday evening. The Memorial Foundation meeting was preceded by the annual meeting of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany of which Dr. Goldmann is chairman. He reviewed the Claims Conference's activities over the past 20 years. A report was submitted by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, treasurer.

WON'T BE INTIMIDATED BY THREATS TO AIRLINE, PERES INSISTS

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--Transport Minister Shimon Peres said today that "Israel will not be intimidated by threats" to its air communications. "Anyone frightened by one anonymous threat is just asking for more of the same," Peres declared. He referred to an anonymous warning to El Al today, threatening its planes unless Kozo Okamoto, the Japanese gunman captured in the May 30 Lydda Airport massacre is freed.

The warning was sent to the International Air Transport Association (IATA) which conveyed it to El Al. But Israeli airline officials said they were taking no special security measures beyond those already in effect. "We are doing all that is necessary already," an El Al spokesman said. Officials of other airlines said anonymous threats could harm tourism to Israel. There was no visible change in the routine at Lydda Airport today where strict security measures have been maintained since the massacre.

A Month After The Massacre LYDDA AIRPORT TRAFFIC BOOMS

TEL AVIV, July 4 (JTA)--Lydda Airport officials reported yesterday, little more than a month after the airport massacre, that traffic was booming. They said that some 7000 passengers landed in 37 planes, including five jumbo jets Sunday. Traffic was particularly heavy in the afternoon when three of the jumbo jets and one Boeing 707 landed one after another.

Despite the pressure of the huge inflow of arrivals and Israel's tight airport security measures, all of the passengers were able to leave the airport without undue delay, the officials reported. Average incoming total of passengers at the airport daily is about 6000. The peak was reached last Passover when 10,000 persons arrived. The outgoing passenger total also was a little higher than usual, partly because the summer school vacation has started and the summer excursions that accompany it.

POSTPONEMENT ASKED FOR CHIEF RABBINATE ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--The Chief Rabbinate elections, scheduled to be held Aug. 11, will have to be postponed for at least one or two months beyond that date. The elections committee established last month to prepare for the balloting and to establish a 150-man electoral college, said today that it needed the extra time to complete its tasks. The committee is expected to ask the government to extend the terms of the incumbent chief rabbis for the required period. The only candidates for the post of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi are the incumbent, Rabbi Yehuda Isser Unterman and Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren of Tel Aviv.

PANELISTS DIFFER OVER WHETHER JEWISH SELF-INTEREST LEADS TO ISOLATION

LOS ANGELES, July 4 (JTA)--Panelists looking into the attitudes of the American Jewish community agreed here that American Jews are "turning inward" but differed sharply over whether this meant a trend toward Jewish self-isolation. The discussion took place during the annual plenary of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) which closed over the weekend.

Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of inter-faith activities for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, decried the "withdrawal mentality" which, he said, "concentrates only on Israel, Soviet Jews, Jewish education and similar issues which are considered survivalistic interests." He warned that this can push American Jewry "into an uncharacteristic posture of social and political conservatism." The Reform rabbi expressed concern that the Jewish community could "lose our youth" if an "hysterical approach" is left unchallenged to threaten Jewish life with "suicide by assimilation or interversion."

But Sidney Z. Vincent, executive director of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, contended that by "turning inward," Jews are acting with enlightened self-interest. He claimed that becoming more Jewish does not mean a turn toward isolationism. "The best of our Jewishly committed young people have not resigned one whit of social vision," he declared.

He said that a consequence of the new trend is that Jewish institutions--community centers, social service agencies and others--"are being increasingly examined not only on technical excellence, but on their Jewish credentials."

Judge Jacob T. Zuckerman, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, saw the Jewish community "confused" and its leadership divided by a polarization between two versions of liberalism. One interprets liberalism in traditional terms of "equal treatment for all" while the new liberalism has relaxed the standard in favor of "preferential treatment" for disadvantaged groups, Judge Zuckerman said. He warned that "many Jews are part of Middle America" and would abandon the liberal movement "if we abandon our advocacy of equal justice."

CONGRESS URGED TO INVESTIGATE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM

Jewish Group Claims HEW Guidelines Result In Discrimination

NEW YORK, July 4 (JTA)--The Jewish Rights Council is urging Congress to investigate whether the operation of the Affirmative Action program, under guidelines from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and other government bodies, is leading to quotas and discriminatory hiring and promotion policies in schools, civil service and corporate enterprises that benefit from government contracts.

The Council, which describes itself as "a national organization formed to defend the equality of rights for all persons under our laws," claimed that the program "has already led to policies in several universities and public school systems which have done harm to the merit system." At a meeting in the House of Representatives in Washington last week, spokesmen for the group detailed its concerns before an audience that included the entire Congressional delegation from New York City. The meeting was arranged with the assistance of Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D, NY).

A statement issued in behalf of the Council by

Prof. Seymour Siegel, president, and Edward M. Gershtfeld and Fritz A. Rothschild, member of the executive council, expressed the anxiety felt by the Jewish community over the threat of imposed racial and religious considerations in hiring. It said that Affirmative Action, as pursued by HEW "although sincerely motivated, cannot but lead to injustice" because "in favoring one group or individual, one necessarily harms another."

"A commitment to hire 15 percent of a certain minority as professors, might imply discrimination against other qualified applicants," the statement said. "As Jews, we remember only too well the tendency to favor white Protestants in admissions to colleges and universities and to tenured positions on university faculties. This unfairness is compounded by the fact that those who are bound to suffer are least responsible for the injustices that have historically been visited upon various minorities in our countries."

The statement noted that "Jews have traditionally fought for the merit system of hiring and promotion" and warned that "any attempt to tamper with that impartial system is de facto directed against the Jewish community, though it may not be so intended."

'YORDIM' IN CANADA DON'T PROSPER, REPORT SAYS

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--Israelis who emigrated to Canada, mainly to improve their economic condition, by and large have failed to prosper, according to a report on "yordim" living in Canada, published in the current issue of the World Zionist Organization's quarterly magazine, "Batfutsot Hagola." According to Adam Ackerman, author of the report, 64 percent of the nearly 22,000 Israelis who settled in Canada have required Canadian government assistance and 16 percent have gone on welfare.

The report states that by 1964, 12,000 Israelis had emigrated to Canada and were followed by another 7000 during the two succeeding years which saw an economic recession in Israel. Since 1967, another 2500 Israelis have gone to live in Canada. But of the total now living in Canada, only ten percent were born in Israel, Ackerman reported. He said 52 percent cited economic reasons for their emigration and 56 percent said they did not contemplate returning to Israel. But 34 percent said they would go back if the government offered them the same incentives it offers new immigrants, Ackerman said.

JEWISH GROUPS HAIL DEATH PENALTY BAN BY U.S. SUPREME COURT

NEW YORK, July 4 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress and the Synagogue Council of America--which filed a joint friend-of-the-court brief in the case--have hailed the US Supreme Court's decision barring capital punishment as "consistent with Jewish tradition" and "a clear triumph for the standards of civilization and humaneness" inherent in the US Constitution.

In a joint statement, the Congress and the Synagogue Council--which represents the major Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinical and congregational bodies in the US--declared: "We have long and consistently believed, as Americans and as Jews, that capital punishment represented a violation of the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against 'cruel and unusual punishment'... The Supreme Court has expressed its agreement with that view. Moreover, in so doing, it has supported the Talmudic concern with human fallibility and the irreversible nature of capital punishment."



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Sergio Piperno, president of the Italian Jewish Communities Association, cabled a sharp protest today to Premier Giulio Andreotti. Piperno denounced the "vile and criminal aggression against the Trieste synagogue" and asked "energetic government action" to apprehend the culprits. He said the government must protect "holy sites which are the patrimony of the Italian people as a whole," and he denounced the current rash of anti-Semitic publications across the country.

JEWISH CEMETERY VANDALIZED IN UKRAINE TOWN

Authorities Promise Repairs If Jews Keep Quiet

TEL AVIV, July 4 (JTA)--The Jewish cemetery in Zamrinka, in the Ukraine, has been desecrated. Most of its tombstones were toppled and broken, according to reports reaching here today. According to the reports, local authorities promised to help repair the damage if the Jewish community does not make "a big fuss about it."

Soviet immigrants from the Ukrainian city of Kharkov have appealed to President Zalman Shazar, Premier Golda Meir and the Dutch Embassy to help Solomon Greenberg obtain an exit visa. The immigrants said Greenberg was arrested in Kharkov last week with another Jew, Constantin Skoblinksky and that both were interrogated for three days about allegedly passing information to foreigners. The two were released on condition they remain in Kharkov while the investigation continues. The petitioners noted that Israeli citizenship was conferred on Greenberg recently at his request. The Dutch Embassy here represents Israeli interests in Moscow.

DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER IN CAIRO: SAYS EGYPT WANTS PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT

AMSTERDAM, July 4 (JTA)--Norbert Schmeltzer, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, says he is personally convinced after meeting with Egyptian leaders, that Egypt wants a peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict. Schmeltzer, currently in Cairo, made that assessment in an interview with Dutch journalists who accompanied him on his trip. "The Egyptian position toward a solution of the Middle East conflict is cooperative," the Foreign Minister said, according to the interview published here today.

He said the Egyptians envisaged a solution based on the Security Council's Resolution 242, arrived at through the good offices of the United Nations special mediator, Gunnar V. Jarring "or another intermediary." He described his talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Murad Ghaleeb as "most cordial, open and fruitful." He said that he had conveyed to the Egyptian leaders his own and all of Western Europe's growing concern over the widening Soviet influence in the Middle East region and his government's interest in the prompt reopening of the Suez Canal.

The Dutch journalist reported that the two ministers accompanied by their wives emerged from the conference calling each other by their first names.

9 EX-NAZIS ON TRIAL FOR MASS MURDERS OF JEWS; 10TH GETS ADJOURNMENT FOR MEDICAL REASONS

BONN, July 4 (JTA)--Nine former Nazis have gone on trial in Dusseldorf and Munich on charges of murder, and the trial of a tenth has been adjourned until July 11. The six Dusseldorf defendants are Wilhelm Ahrens, 65, former police chief of Cologne; Ruprecht Mueller, 56, and Wilhelm Stephany, 57, former police officers; Willy Kaufenberg, 57; Gerhard Hurtig, 55, and Robert Roess, a 58-year-old businessman.

All belonged to police units in the Ukraine in World War II. According to the indictment, Ahrens was ordered in the spring of 1942, to shoot all old and ill Jews in the ghetto of Krynk in Bialystok, because they were "useless." The charge says he killed at least 15 Jewish men and women "in a cruel manner" while 20 others escaped to a synagogue into which Ahrens, obeying orders, threw hand grenades, killing all.

Ahrens and the other five defendants pleaded not guilty. Three ex-Nazis who allegedly specialized in the murder of women and children, meanwhile, are in the dock in Munich. They are Dr. Heinrich Goerts, 74; Kurt Trimborn, 68, and Kurt Severin, 66, all charged with the murder of Jews near the Russian city of Taganrog in 1941.

According to the indictment, Trimborn and Severin hunted down Jewish women and children, forced them to undress in freezing weather, and shot them when they started suffering frost pains. Trimborn is further accused of killing 250 children near Jesk, with Goerts' assistance. The defense attorneys and the jury visited Russia several months ago to inspect the sites of the purported crimes. The Munich Attorney General has asked for life imprisonment for the three defendants. The trial is expected to last two weeks.

In Essen, the trial of Horst Wagner, 66, a former Nazi colonel charged with killing 350,000 Jews, was adjourned to July 11 to allow for a medical examination to determine his fitness to stand trial. When the proceeding opened this morning, the defense contended Wagner was suffering from severe sciatic pains. The accused was a liaison officer between Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and SS chief Heinrich Himmler.

DIASPORA, ISRAEL PARTNERSHIP MUST BE ON BASIS OF EQUALITY, GOLDMANN SAYS

GENEVA, July 4 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldman, president of the World Jewish Congress, made a strong plea today for a partnership of equality between diaspora Jewry and Israel. "The dispersion of today is the third in Jewish history and as a whole, the Jewish people has spent more time in the diaspora than it has in its own state," Dr. Goldman said in an address at the closing session of the conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism here.

"The negation of the diaspora, the attempt to forget it or to denigrate it as an anomaly, is defenseless and distorts the character of Jewish existence in the past and in the present," he said. "It is essential to find a constructive relationship between Israel and the diaspora," Dr. Goldman added.

He said the solution would have to be based on the principles of full solidarity and responsibility of both parts of the Jewish people for one another and for the people as a whole. "The diaspora will have to respect Israel as a sovereign state and Israel must respect the autonomy of the golah; while both will have the right and the duty to advise one another and to discuss common problems,

they will have to leave the decisions to each of the two parts," Dr. Goldman said.

Dr. Maurice Eisendrath was elected president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Rabbi Richard Hirsch is the new executive director of the organization that plans to move its headquarters to Jerusalem.

The annual meeting of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture opened here last night. It will continue through Thursday evening. The Memorial Foundation meeting was preceded by the annual meeting of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany of which Dr. Goldmann is chairman. He reviewed the Claims Conference's activities over the past 20 years. A report was submitted by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, treasurer.

WON'T BE INTIMIDATED BY THREATS TO AIRLINE, PERES INSISTS

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--Transport Minister Shimon Peres said today that "Israel will not be intimidated by threats" to its air communications. "Anyone frightened by one anonymous threat is just asking for more of the same," Peres declared. He referred to an anonymous warning to El Al today, threatening its planes unless Kozo Okamoto, the Japanese gunman captured in the May 30 Lydda Airport massacre is freed.

The warning was sent to the International Air Transport Association (IATA) which conveyed it to El Al. But Israeli airline officials said they were taking no special security measures beyond those already in effect. "We are doing all that is necessary already," an El Al spokesman said. Officials of other airlines said anonymous threats could harm tourism to Israel. There was no visible change in the routine at Lydda Airport today where strict security measures have been maintained since the massacre.

A Month After The Massacre LYDDA AIRPORT TRAFFIC BOOMS

TEL AVIV, July 4 (JTA)--Lydda Airport officials reported yesterday, little more than a month after the airport massacre, that traffic was booming. They said that some 7000 passengers landed in 37 planes, including five jumbo jets Sunday. Traffic was particularly heavy in the afternoon when three of the jumbo jets and one Boeing 707 landed one after another.

Despite the pressure of the huge inflow of arrivals and Israel's tight airport security measures, all of the passengers were able to leave the airport without undue delay, the officials reported. Average incoming total of passengers at the airport daily is about 6000. The peak was reached last Passover when 10,000 persons arrived. The outgoing passenger total also was a little higher than usual, partly because the summer school vacation has started and the summer excursions that accompany it.

POSTPONEMENT ASKED FOR CHIEF RABBINATE ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--The Chief Rabbinate elections, scheduled to be held Aug. 11, will have to be postponed for at least one or two months beyond that date. The elections committee established last month to prepare for the balloting and to establish a 150-man electoral college, said today that it needed the extra time to complete its tasks. The committee is expected to ask the government to extend the terms of the incumbent chief rabbis for the required period. The only candidates for the post of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi are the incumbent, Rabbi Yehuda Isser Unterman and Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren of Tel Aviv.

PANELISTS DIFFER OVER WHETHER JEWISH SELF-INTEREST LEADS TO ISOLATION

LOS ANGELES, July 4 (JTA)--Panelists looking into the attitudes of the American Jewish community agreed here that American Jews are "turning inward" but differed sharply over whether this meant a trend toward Jewish self-isolation. The discussion took place during the annual plenary of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) which closed over the weekend.

Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of inter-faith activities for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, decried the "withdrawal mentality" which, he said, "concentrates only on Israel, Soviet Jews, Jewish education and similar issues which are considered survivalistic interests." He warned that this can push American Jewry "into an uncharacteristic posture of social and political conservatism." The Reform rabbi expressed concern that the Jewish community could "lose our youth" if an "hysterical approach" is left unchallenged to threaten Jewish life with "suicide by assimilation or interversion."

But Sidney Z. Vincent, executive director of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, contended that by "turning inward," Jews are acting with enlightened self-interest. He claimed that becoming more Jewish does not mean a turn toward isolationism. "The best of our Jewishly committed young people have not resigned one whit of social vision," he declared.

He said that a consequence of the new trend is that Jewish institutions--community centers, social service agencies and others--"are being increasingly examined not only on technical excellence, but on their Jewish credentials."

Judge Jacob T. Zuckerman, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, saw the Jewish community "confused" and its leadership divided by a polarization between two versions of liberalism. One interprets liberalism in traditional terms of "equal treatment for all" while the new liberalism has relaxed the standard in favor of "preferential treatment" for disadvantaged groups, Judge Zuckerman said. He warned that "many Jews are part of Middle America" and would abandon the liberal movement "if we abandon our advocacy of equal justice."

CONGRESS URGED TO INVESTIGATE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM

Jewish Group Claims HEW Guidelines Result In Discrimination

NEW YORK, July 4 (JTA)--The Jewish Rights Council is urging Congress to investigate whether the operation of the Affirmative Action program, under guidelines from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and other government bodies, is leading to quotas and discriminatory hiring and promotion policies in schools, civil service and corporate enterprises that benefit from government contracts.

The Council, which describes itself as "a national organization formed to defend the equality of rights for all persons under our laws," claimed that the program "has already led to policies in several universities and public school systems which have done harm to the merit system." At a meeting in the House of Representatives in Washington last week, spokesmen for the group detailed its concerns before an audience that included the entire Congressional delegation from New York City. The meeting was arranged with the assistance of Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D, NY).

A statement issued in behalf of the Council by

Prof. Seymour Siegel, president, and Edward M. Gershtfeld and Fritz A. Rothschild, member of the executive council, expressed the anxiety felt by the Jewish community over the threat of imposed racial and religious considerations in hiring. It said that Affirmative Action, as pursued by HEW "although sincerely motivated, cannot but lead to injustice" because "in favoring one group or individual, one necessarily harms another."

"A commitment to hire 15 percent of a certain minority as professors, might imply discrimination against other qualified applicants," the statement said. "As Jews, we remember only too well the tendency to favor white Protestants in admissions to colleges and universities and to tenured positions on university faculties. This unfairness is compounded by the fact that those who are bound to suffer are least responsible for the injustices that have historically been visited upon various minorities in our countries."

The statement noted that "Jews have traditionally fought for the merit system of hiring and promotion" and warned that "any attempt to tamper with that impartial system is de facto directed against the Jewish community, though it may not be so intended."

'YORDIM' IN CANADA DON'T PROSPER, REPORT SAYS

JERUSALEM, July 4 (JTA)--Israelis who emigrated to Canada, mainly to improve their economic condition, by and large have failed to prosper, according to a report on "yordim" living in Canada, published in the current issue of the World Zionist Organization's quarterly magazine, "Batfutsot Hagola." According to Adam Ackerman, author of the report, 64 percent of the nearly 22,000 Israelis who settled in Canada have required Canadian government assistance and 16 percent have gone on welfare.

The report states that by 1964, 12,000 Israelis had emigrated to Canada and were followed by another 7000 during the two succeeding years which saw an economic recession in Israel. Since 1967, another 2500 Israelis have gone to live in Canada. But of the total now living in Canada, only ten percent were born in Israel, Ackerman reported. He said 52 percent cited economic reasons for their emigration and 56 percent said they did not contemplate returning to Israel. But 34 percent said they would go back if the government offered them the same incentives it offers new immigrants, Ackerman said.

JEWISH GROUPS HAIL DEATH PENALTY BAN BY U.S. SUPREME COURT

NEW YORK, July 4 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress and the Synagogue Council of America--which filed a joint friend-of-the-court brief in the case--have hailed the US Supreme Court's decision barring capital punishment as "consistent with Jewish tradition" and "a clear triumph for the standards of civilization and humaneness" inherent in the US Constitution.

In a joint statement, the Congress and the Synagogue Council--which represents the major Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbinical and congregational bodies in the US--declared: "We have long and consistently believed, as Americans and as Jews, that capital punishment represented a violation of the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against 'cruel and unusual punishment'... The Supreme Court has expressed its agreement with that view. Moreover, in so doing, it has supported the Talmudic concern with human fallibility and the irreversible nature of capital punishment."